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Newsletter by K3DI Dick Wilder

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PacketCluster Contest/DX System (MHz):

K3NA	Frederick MD	145.630	
W3LPL	Glenwood MD	145.590	441.250
KE3Q	Bowie MD	145.570	445.375
N3RR	Rockville MD	145.510	441.325
N4OHE	Mt.Weather VA	145.710	440.925
N4SR	Woodbridge VA	145.630	*
WR3L	Baltimore MD	145.610	440.950
K4FJ	Mt. Vernon VA	145.770	*
K3MQH	S Mountain PA	145.630	

The system is sponsored by the Potomac Valley DX Spotting Network except for nodes marked with "*" are funded & operated by the Rappahannock DX Packetcluster Group.

PVRC on Internet:
Visit the PVRC Home Page, courtesy of K3SA, at:
http://www.access.digex.net/~k3sa/pvrc.html

Dues are by donation.
The mandatory $10 dues have been discontinued. So please send your donation - hopefully at least $10 - to Jim Horton, N3KTV, 8527 Calypso Lane, Gaithersburg, MD 20879-1522. Make checks payable to PVRC. Thank you.

Newsletter Editor:
Dick Wilder, K3DI, 913 Shore Acres Rd, Arnold, MD 21012-1724. The communication ports are: (410) 757-6706, FAX/modem 757-6720, , and the DXcluster. The deadline for the February issue is Monday, January 27.

The Next General Meeting is January 13th (always second Monday):
It will be at The Church of the Nativity (Episcopal), Route 5, Temple

Hills, MD at 7:30 PM. Arrive between 5:00 and 6:30 PM and enjoy an Italian dinner buffet (about $10) at nearby Topolino's on Old Branch Ave about 1/4 mile south of Allentown Rd. Directions to the meeting: Take the Capital Beltway to Exit 7-A. Head south on Maryland Route 5 (Branch Ave) toward Waldorf. Immediately after entering Branch Ave you will come to a stoplight, which is Manchester Dr. Turn right on Manchester Dr. In the middle of the block on the left hand side, you will notice the Church of the Nativity sign next to the church entrance. Go up the drive to the top and park in the church's parking lot.

PVRC Calendar:
Mon, Jan 13 General meeting
Tue. Jan 21 NW meeting, Legends Restr, Frederick MD at 8:00 PM

RANDOM COMMENTS BY DICK WILDER, K3DI

This issue will be a bit thin. Just returned from a holiday trip and will put together what I have and modem off to Jim Horton for reproduction and distribution. If it arrives late (that is, after the central meeting on the 13th), you can blame Santa Claus and me.

I sat with Bob, W3YY, at the Christmas party (9 Dec), and he said that he will return to Sao Tome in late January for work at the VOA station there. Time for operating will again be limited, but he hopes to spend some time at S92SS or another station.

Jim Talens, N3JT, did not attend the Christmas party. Though he was up three days after undergoing laparscopic hernia surgery on the 6th, he was not sufficiently in the "ho-ho" mood. Jim left the FCC at the end of the year and is now looking for suitable employment.

I got word that the N4SR node user frequency is now on 145.63 instead of 145.53 MHz. Steve Rock fights a never ending battle for spectrum space without congestion. Also, note that WR3L has added 440.950 MHz.

Be sure to send your contest scores to Dave Blanchard, N3II, and to the organization sponsoring the contest with an annotation that you are a member of PVRC.

THE ARRL WASHINGTON OFFICE NEEDS HELP! by Dick Wilder, K3DI

Working part time for the ARRL Washington office since June 1994 has provided a nice therapeutic transition into retirement, but now I would like to decrease that activity. My XYL has recently retired with the result that we will be traveling more and I will not be as available. (I'll be 6Y? in the ARRL CW contest.) Unfortunately, this comes at a time of increased pressure on our amateur bands which demands increased work through the DC office. So, I am trying to help them locate a replacement or replacements.

The ARRL board has approved hiring two additional full time employees, but candidates for these career positions have not yet been identified.

Meanwhile, paid part time personnel can be used to fill the gap.

What is the job? One attends various meetings in Washington that are preparatory to establishing a US position to take to either an ITU regional meeting or ITU world meeting. Documents which propose changes to the international radio regulations are distributed and discussed during subsequent meetings. The League monitors developments and prepares counter arguments or counter documents when our bands are threatened.

This is an ideal part time job for a retired person. It can be scheduled at a couple days per month so that it will not reduce ones Social Security income.

Please contact me for more information about the task. As a part timer, I am a consultant to the League and not an employee. I am in no way in the hiring process but I can give you an idea of what the League needs for both the full and part time positions. By the way, they would like to have one of the new hires fluent in Spanish. See "Newsletter Editor" on page one for routes to contact me.

THE PVRC EXCHANGE BY ED STEEBLE, K3IXD

N3NT (ex-AA3HM) said 53000 QSL cards were ordered with 35 being uniques. Included were a few DXpeditions: V26LN, KG4ML, K4YT/EL2. Twenty-three members ordered 1000 cards, 9 ordered 2000 cards, 2 ordered 3000 cards, and N3RR ordered 6000 cards. Fourteen orders were from call sign changes. For those who paid for shipping, he planned to send out the cards on 2 January and will distribute the rest at the Central and NW Regional January meetings. If you can't make one of those meeting, help Craig out by arranging for someone to pick up your cards.

To order a PVRC name badge provide your call sign, your name as it is to appear on the badge, and $5 (or $7 if you want it mailed to you instead of picking it up at a club meeting). Mail a check (payable to Brian McGinness) to N3OC (ex-WA3WJD), Brian McGinness, 4618 DeRussey Pkwy, Chevy Chase, MD 20815.

I am now taking orders for PVRC logo items. At the request of several club members, this year you can get a T-shirt and golf shirt with a pocket as well as without a pocket. On the T-shirt and golf shirt with the pocket, the logo is over the right breast. On shirts without a pocket the logo is over the left breast. Your call sign is embroidered on the golf shirt above the left breast whether or not it has a pocket. Elsewhere in this issue is an order form. Orders must be postmarked by 28 February 1997. (Order form follows. -editor)

CATALOG PVRC golf shirt, T-shirt, sweat shirt, and hat

PVRC Embroidered golf shirt, white, Print Ons brand,
50/50 cotton/polyester, pique knit, 2 button, 3 color PVRC
logo, your call sign, and your name
without pocket $30

or
with pocket $33

PVRC T-shirt, 100% cotton, Haines Beefy-T, with large 3 color silk screened PVRC logo on the back, small 3 color PVRC logo on the front, in white or ash (athletic grey) color,
without pocket $13
or
with pocket $16

PVRC Sweat shirt, Jerzees 50/50 cotton/polyester, crew neck, set in long sleeves with large 3 color silk screened log on the back and small 3 color PVRC logo over the left breast, ash (athletic grey) color,
light weight (7 oz) $21
or heavy weight (9 oz) $24

PVRC two tone hat, royal blue visor, natural cap, 5 panel twill top, (cooler than mesh in the summer), Yupoong brand, with silked screened color logo, one size fits all $10

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ORDER FORM:

Embroidered Golf shirt: circle one: no pocket/pocket,
size:____, add $3 for XXL or XXXL, call:_____,
name:_____, quantity:____ total=$____

T-Shirt: circle one: ash or white, no pocket/pocket;
size:____, quantity:____, add $3 for XXL, total=$____

Sweat shirt: circle one: light weight/heavy weight,
size:____ add $3 for XXL, quantity:____ total=$____

Hat: quantity:____ total=$____

You can stop by my house and pick up your items; or pick them up at a central or NW regional PVRC meeting; or have them sent UPS. - K3IXD

The S&H fee is $4 for one item, or
$8 for two or more items. S&H=$____

Your name, call _____
street address, not PO Box _____
City, State, ZIP _____

Make check payable to Ed Steeble, not PVRC, and mail to
Ed Steeble, K3IXD, 14020 Celbridge Ct., Glenwood, MD 21738

Orders must be postmarked by 28 Feb 97, delivery in early April.
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1996 PVRC ARRL TEN METER CONTEST RESULTS BY DAVE BLANCHARD, N3II (1/2/97)

CALL	QSO'S	STATES	COUNTRIES	TOTAL
SINGLE OP HIGH POWER - MIXED				
W4MYA	843	94	26	312,720
K4ZW	762	97	23	262,320
K3ZO	769	89	22	254,634
K8OQL	517	74	14	132,528
N4AF	551	68	9	116,732
AA4EL	360	61	7	66,368
K4SO	343	58	12	65,240
KE3Q	57	19	0	3,528
SINGLE OP LOW POWER - MIXED				
W3UJ	258	51	8	28,106
WB6VGI	185	38	2	20,800
W3CP	141	34	6	20,480
WV3B	131	26	5	13,330
K3HH	29	11	2	1,066
SINGLE OP QRP POWER - MIXED				
KA4RRU	118	38	0	13,224
SINGLE OP LOW POWER - PHONE				
N5OKR	615	49	17	81,800
KC3PZ	549	40	14	65,800
WB2BZR	543	40	12	56,472
W3GHR	201	32	5	14,784
WB4HFL	104	24	8	6,656
W2EOS	109	21	2	5,014
KS4XG	96	21	5	4,992
N3MIL/T	21	6	0	294
SINGLE OP HIGH POWER - CW				
W3GN	429	43	8	87,720
WU4G	96	29	0	11,136
SINGLE OP LOW POWER - CW				
KG4W	279	42	7	54,684
W3TMZ	76	19	3	6,688
K4UX	30	19	0	2,280
N4CW	18	8	1	648
MULTI OP				
K3VOA	510	61	11	93,600
Ops: K3IXD KD4QVT N3NT WB3ECU				
K3MM	301	70	13	72,210
WK3I	320	62	0	67,084
WR3L	252	53	17	54,320
K4VV	224	46	6	32,012
			TOTAL	2,029,270

LAST YEAR - 1995

	entries	score
UNLIMITED CATEGORY		
1. FRANKFORD RADIO CLUB (only entry)	57	1,307,489
MEDIUM CATEGORY		
1. FLORIDA CONTEST GROUP	10	981,602
2. POTOMAC VALLEY RADIO CLUB	19	655,086

3. YANKEE CLIPPER CONTEST CLUB 19 420,614

As you can see, it looks like we have a change to win this year.
Send in your scores to the ARRL. Any more scores out there ?? de N3II

1966 PVRC ARRL 160 CONTEST RESULTS BY DAVE BLANCHARD, N3II (1/2/97)

CALL	QSO	MULTS	TOTAL
SINGLE OP HIGH POWER			
K4SO	1150	106	262,880
K4ZW	975	106	233,094
W9LT	945	107	223,737
K3MM	862	107	207,580
W4MYA	790	92	156,676
K3ZO	729	96	148,608
W3GN	581	74	90,872
K8OQL	550	74	87,375
N4AF	598	72	86,184
AA4EL	213	50	22,650
W3DAD	224	49	22,246
N4CW	155	41	12,833
K4UX	80	39	6,591
SINGLE OP LOW POWER			
K1HTV	777	94	153,690
KG4W	841	86	152,650
K3SWZ	303	54	33,372
K3SA	300	51	30,753
WV3B	337	43	29,111
W3CP	241	47	23,218
K4VV	163	42	14,147
N3TG	161	38	12,236
WA4DAI	113	40	9,280
N3RR	115	39	9,204
K3DI	70	32	4,480
W4ZYT	41	18	1,476
SINGLE OP QRP POWER			
WK3I	637	66	84,282
ND3F	351	62	44,826
KA4RRU	155	31	9,610
MULTIOP			
W3UR +N3OSH & KE3Q	1504	122	450,790
K3SV +N6CQ	1178	106	277,614
N3II	500	65	66,560
K3SME	180	79	35,076
N3AM	307	54	34,290
W3HVQ	217	66	31,218
WR3L	237	57	28,386
K3KY	155	57	18,867
WA4QDM	202	40	16,400
		TOTAL	3,132,862

LAST YEAR - 1995

	entries	score

UNLIMITED CATEGORY			
1. FRANKFORD RADIO CLUB (only entry)	57	3,932,568
MEDIUM CATEGORY			
1. YANKEE CLIPPER CONTEST CLUB	27	1,751,084
2. MAD RIVER RADIO CLUB	12	1,655,336
3. SOCIETY OF MIDWEST CONTESTERS	8	1,321,457
4. NORTH COAST CONTESTERS	8	829,107
5. POTOMAC VALLEY RADIO CLUB	18	801,554

MORE AMATEUR RADIO SITES ON THE INTERNET
COMPILED BY LEO BOBERSCHMIDT - KA3TGY []

Here is another collection of URLs related to the various aspects of ham radio. A bit of focus this month of some of the many things available from the ARRL on the Internet. As usual, if there is some ham radio area that is of particular interest to you, let me know at the above e-mail address; I may already have a site bookmarked.

1. ARRL Focus:
ARRL: 1996 Video Series:
http://www.arrl.org/ead/videos.html

ARRL: Atlantic Division:
http://www.arrl.org/divisions/atlantic.html

ARRL Atlantic Division Links:
http://www.arrl.org/divisions/atlantic/nl9602/links.html

ARRL: Operating Permit Information by Country:
http://www.arrl.org/field/regulations/io/recip-country.html

ARRL: Part 97 - Amateur Radio Service Regulations:
http://www.arrl.org/field/regulations/news/part97/

ARRL Infoserve: Index of 110 Different QST Article Bibliographies:
http://ftp.barc.org:8080/pub/hamradio/arrl/infoserv/bibliog/

QST Kenwood Equipment and Mods Bibliography:

http://ftp.barc.org:8080/pub/hamradio/arrl/infoserv/bibliog/kenwood.txt

QST Phone Patch Bibliography:

http://ftp.barc.org:8080/pub/hamradio/arrl/infoserv/bibliog/fonpatch.txt

QST Product Review Bibliography:

http://ftp.barc.org:8080/pub/hamradio/arrl/infoserv/tech/prodrev.txt

2. Clubs, Individuals, Organizations:
Antique Wireless Association, Inc. [Electronic Communication Museum]:
http://www.ggw.org/freenet/a/awa/

Quarter Century Wireless Association, Inc:
http://www.teleport.com/~qcwa/

Rhein Ruhr DX Association - RRDXA [Hmmmm, their logo looks a lot like NCDXA's]:
http://members.aol.com/RRDXA/index.html

VE8RCS and VO1XA/VE8:
http://www3.nf.sympatico.ca/gunslinger/ve8rcs.htm

Virginia Tech Amateur Radio Association [K4KDJ]:
http://fbox.vt.edu:10021/org/vtara/vtara.html

VO1XA Home Page:
http://www3.nf.sympatico.ca/gunslinger/

VP9ID's Bermuda Onion:
http://www.geocities.com/TheTropics/7848/index.html

3. DXpeditions:

FP DXpedition Page [St. Pierre and Miquelon Islands]:
http://www.cris.com/~Jackhamm/FP.html

4. Ham Miscellaneous:

Amateur Radio Clip Art [140 images for QSL cards, newsletters, etc.]:
http://www.eolas.co.uk/ag/hamclip.htm

Amateur Radio Operator On-Line:
http://www.amateurradio.com/

Baygen Wind-Up Portable Radio [Power is provided by an internal spring-driven generator]:
http://www.mcs.com/~ralph/html/naswa/issues/1096/equip1096.html

Beginners Guide to Ham Radio [by AA2MZ]:
http://www.irony.com/ham-howto.html

Ham Humor [don't blame me if you don't think it's funny]:
http://www.getnet.com/~davidh/dxfun.html

HR Showcase - The Amateur Radio Website [lots of links]:
http://www.accessnv.com/hrshow/hrmain.html

Index of /pub/ham/info/mods/ [about 300 files on modifications]:
http://www.funet.fi/pub/ham/info/mods/

Kenwood Home Page:
http://www.kenwood.net/amateur.html#Explore

Kenwood Report November/December 96:
http://www.kenwood.net/kwreport/ken-15/ken-15.html

Newcomer's Guide to Amateur Radio [by Vince Yakamavich, AA4MY]:
http://www.acs.ncsu.edu/HamRadio/FAQ/Newcomers.html

"Seek You" by the Ham Band [ham music (??) featuring such "great" hits as "On the Monday Evening Greyline" and "I'm Not Climbing Up the Tower Any More"]:
http://www.lastres.com/ajhuddle/hamband.html

Six Meter News [On-line Six Meter Magazine]:
http://user.itl.net/~equinox/50dx.html

Why Collect Old Transistors?
http://ourworld.compuserve.com/homepages/Andrew_Wylie/why.htm